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1. AUSTRIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (ATUF) CENTRAL
SECRETARY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR ALFRED
STROER TOLD LABATT AUGUST 25 THAT QUESTION OF AFL-CIO
PRESIDENT'S INVITATIONS TO EUROPEAN LABOR LEADERS WOULD
BE DISCUSSED AT MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
RESPECTIVE NATIONAL TRADE UNION CENTERS WHEN THEY ARE
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IN VIENNA FOR SEPTEMBER 15-19 ATUF CONGRESS. STROER SAID

ATUF, WHICH HE WILL REPRESENT AT WASHINGTON SINCE ATUF
PRESIDENT BENY MUST RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO VIENNA IN
CONNECTION WITH RESPONSIBILITIES AS PRESIDENT OF
LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT IN CRITICAL PERIOD OF
GOVERNMENT FORMATION AND REORGANIZATION FOLLOWING
AUSTRIAN NATIONAL ELECTION OCTOBER 5, HOPES AS MANY
OF INVITEES AS POSSIBLE WILL ACCEPT MENAY'S INVITATIONS.
HE SAID ATUF WOULD SUPPORT CASE FOR ACCEPTANCES AT VIENNA
GATHERING. STROER REVIEWED ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST ACCEP-
TANCE IN OBJECTIVE FASHION BUT SAID ATUF VIEW WAS THAT
OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE RESTORATION OF CLOSE US-EUROPEAN
TRADE UNION RELATIONS WAS TOO IMPORTANT TO SACRIFICE
FOR SAKE OF APPEARANCES. LABATT AGREED AND SAID HE
UNDERSTOOD SOME EUROPEAN LABOR LEADERS INITIALLY
OPPOSED TO MEETING WERE APPARENTLY HAVING SECOND
THOUGHTS FOR SAME REASON (PARIS 21370). MEEHAN

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